

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the marked-up paragraph below for Paragraph 21 in the specification. Applicant submits that amended paragraph 21 does not include new matter (see paragraph 42) and respectfully requests the Examiner to enter paragraph 21 into the specification.

[0021] Central to the database 23 shown in FIG. 2 is a user table 40, which contains a record for each entity or user of the auction facility 10. The record is shown to include entity information or user information that may further include a language preference. Each user may operate as a seller, a buyer, or both, within the auction facility 10. The database 23 also includes items tables 42 that may be linked to the user table 40. Specifically, the table 42 includes a seller items table 44 and a bidder items table 46. A user record in the user table 40 may be linked to multiple items that are being, or have been, auctioned via the auction facility 10. A link indicates whether the user is a seller or a bidder (or buyer) with respect to items for which records exist within the items table 42.